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Applicant : Morel
 Serial No. : 09/641,417 Examiner : J. Fischer
 Filed : August 16, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1733
 For : JUNCTION OF A TREAD WITH SIDEWALLS OF A TIRE

November 13, 2003

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 8, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal from the final rejection of all claims was filed on October 9, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

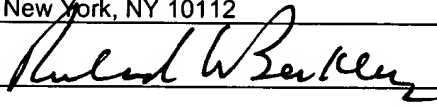
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